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**Speaks For America**

U. S. Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who had the courage a few years back to challenge the Democratic leadership of Harry S. Truman, has been speaking out against the muzzling of American military leaders, especially when they attempt to inform their own forces and the American public against the dangers of Communism.

The following excerpts from one of his recent reports to the people of South Carolina, illustrates to some degree the battle he is waging:

"The American people have many rights. Foremost among these is the right to know our enemy—every facet of his capability to wage aggression against us.

"In this grave crisis period of our country and the free world, there is a concerted conspiracy to intimidate persons in this country who speak out and warn against the communist menace. I call it the anti-anti-communist movement. I brought this to the attention of the public in a news conference on July 21 and with a series of speeches on the Senate floor dating from July 26 until the present time. In the July 26 speech I outlined and documented a concerted campaign to discredit, intimidate and muzzle the military leaders of our nation. I pointed out that this campaign began in this country with the Communist Party USA and its publication, The Worker. Among the articles I placed in the Congressional Record on July 26 from The Worker, was one dated June 4, 1961. This article constitutes a flagrant attack on our top military leadership. Among those named were Lt. Gen. Arthur G. Trudeau, Adm. Arleigh Burke, and Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor. Included in the attack were William C. Sullivan of the F. B. I. and Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Jr., of the C. I. A.

"In subsequent articles in The Worker, the tempo of the campaign to discredit and smear anti-communists increased. The August 13 issue of The Worker gave space to articles in support of the anti-anti-

communist campaign. The Worker, the campaign was continued in such publications as The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Reporter and The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. It has taken the form of pamphlets and, in one instance, a memorandum—the so-called Fulbright memorandum—which originated on Capitol Hill, according to the press. This memorandum is one of the most shocking documents I have read since coming to Washington. It attacks our military leaders for their efforts to give their personnel and the public all the facts about communism, and also candidly expresses as its major fear not the communist menace but a grave distrust of the American people to govern themselves.

"The memorandum expresses the alarming view that rather than needing to be alerted to the cold war menace, the American people need to be restrained in their desire 'to hit the communists with everything we've got, particularly if there are more Cubas and Laos.'

"There are several far-reaching, radical recommendations in the memorandum. First, it would repeal or modify the 1958 National Security Council directive which authorized the military anti-communist seminars. Second, it would increase censorship of military speeches. Third, it would transfer the National War College from military to civilian control. Fourth, it would put even unit level troops information and education training under civilian control. Fifth, it would require graduate studies in the liberal arts at universities—perhaps at Harvard to give ranking officers a more liberal outlook—as a prerequisite for promotion.

"This document should be studied by every American, particularly those who have the misapprehension that this entire fight is one of civilian control over the military.

"Military leaders are subject to civilian control and have made no attempts to violate or usurp the policy-making prerogative of duly constituted civilian authorities. We must not allow the real purpose of the anti-anti-communist campaign to be camouflaged behind such a smokescreen. What the communists fear is widespread understanding by the American people, both in and out of uniform, of the true nature of communism and its tactics, and the vast gulf which separates this atheistic ideology and its unscrupulous methods from the fundamental principles of liberty and justice on which the United States was founded and has flourished. The communists know that the American people will emerge from this tremendous usurpation of patriotism and a